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C O N F I D E N T I A L PEKING 1981

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PEPR CH IZ XF

SUBJ: CHI PENG-FEI TRIP TO MIDDLE EAST

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1. ACCORDING TO WEST GERMAN CHARGE, HE HAS HEARD RUMOR THAT CHINA'S NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS STANDING COMMITTEE VICE CHAIRMAN CHI PENG-FEI WILL SHORTLY PAY A VISIT TO IRAQ. THIS CONFORMS TO EARLIER REPORTS THAT CHI WOULD VISIT SYRIA IN MID-JULY, AND SEEMS TO BE PART OF A PRC DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE IN THE MIDDLE EAST THAT BEGAN WITH FOREIGN MINISTER HUANG HUA'S RECENT STOPS IN ANKARA AND TEHRAN AND INCLUDES VICE FOREIGN MINISTER HO YING'S CURRENT VISIT TO KUWAIT AND JORDAN AND A FUTURE TRIP TO EGYPT BY POLITBURO MEMBER ULANFU. PREMIER HUA KUO'FENG'S VISIT TO IRAN (REFTEL) IF IT MATERIALIZES, WOULD ALSO BE PART OF THIS PATTERN.

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2. CHI, WHO IS CURRENTLY ON THE FINAL LEG OF A VISIT TO VENEZUELA, MEXICO AND CANADA, IS A FORMER FOREIGN MINISTER WHO HAS BECOME SOMETHING OF A WORKHORSE OF PRC DIPLOMACY. NOT OF POLITBURO RANK HIMSELF, HE OCCASIONALLY ACCOMPANIES MORE SENIOR PRC OFFICIALS ABROAD. MORE RECENTLY, HE HAS BEEN

INCREASINGLY CALLED UPON TO LEAD
DELEGATIONS TO COUNTRIES FOR WHICH PEKING CANNOT SPARE
ONE OF THEIR SENIOR VICE PREMIERS.
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